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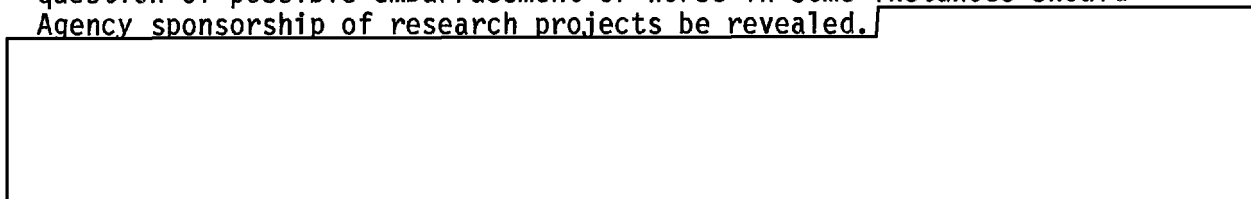
MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion with State/INR Officials Re the Foreign Area Research Program

1. On 2 March, I met at the State Department (Room 6842) with Ray Platig, Director, Office of Long-Range Assessment and Research (LAR/INR), and Barbara Morlet, his Special Assistant for Research Review and Interagency Coordination. The meeting was initiated by me for the purpose of establishing face-to-face contact with persons with whom I've been dealing telephonically.

2. As it turned out, they had more on their minds than simple protocol. On procedural matters, Mrs. Morlet stated that she lacked a secretary and had only limited access to a Xerox machine; she asked if it were possible for us to provide at least two copies of all research proposals forwarded for review, and additional copies to the extent that more than one geographic locale were involved in any proposed research project. I replied that this would be no problem. Next, she indicated that the format presently used by the Agency in filing these proposals with the Department lack two categories which had been added since the initial format had been agreed upon. I commented that it was not evident in any material available to me that there had been a revision, but I asked her to send me a copy of the desired format and I would undertake to have Agency submissions conform to it. She said also that it was essential that a "Work Statement," which had been omitted from some of the Agency's proposals, be included. I assured her that this matter, as well as the problem of originating components submitting the proposals directly to State, bypassing my office, appears to have been rectified.

3. With these matters disposed of, Mr. Platig raised several matters which were partially problematic, but mostly a reaffirmation of traditional State caution concerning the Agency, specifically the question of possible embarrassment or worse in some instances should Agency sponsorship of research projects be revealed.



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6. Lastly, Mr. Platig noted that the Department regularly publishes, quarterly I believe, a "monster list" of external research which has been completed or is underway among the various federal departments and agencies falling within Department of State purview in terms of foreign

area research. He suggested that I consult with [redacted] of the Intelligence Producers Council/DI to determine if the Agency could compile such a listing regularly; I was noncommittal.

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7. Comments: The procedural issues I can and mostly have taken care of; the cosmic ones, as described by Mr. Platig, may take a lot of time, discussion, patience and understanding -- meanwhile we'll try to keep the external research program moving.

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